



St. Peter Claver Parish

Corner of Cochran & Stow Streets



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PARISH SCHEDULE

MASSES:

Saturday: 5pm Vigil; 7pm (Español)

Sunday: 8am; 10am; 12noon & 5pm

Holy Day of Obligation: 5pm Eve before;

Day-7:30am; 12noon & 7pm

Weekdays: 7:30am (Monday - Friday)

DEVOTIONS: Perpetual Help Novena, Wednesdays, 7pm, Mass on first Wednesdays, 7pm;

Adoration every Friday, 7pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays,

3 - 4:30pm (or by appointment); Eve of Holy Day & Thursday before first Friday, 4 - 4:45pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sundays, 1:30 pm;

4th Sunday - Spanish Baptism

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION:

Second Monday of each month, 7pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: 6 months prior notification needed

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Peter Claver, are a Catholic faith community within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Universal Church. Firm in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired by the example of our patron, we proclaim the kingdom of God to embrace everyone in love without discrimination of any kind. We are devoted to worship, to witness, and joyful service in the Spirit.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Address: 5649 Pittman St.
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(805) 526-7975

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Parish Information

Safeguard the Children Committee:

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Sherry Kimmet, 581-2742

Becoming Catholic (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

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Parish Vocation Animator:

Michael Johnson, 526-6499

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Coley Maddigan, Coordinator, 526-6499
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Joni Egan, 527-2444

Parish Library: Sue Marron, (805) 770-0922**Bereavement Ministry:**

Paul Stewart, 526-0073

Annulment Assistance:

Wally & Linda Cravens, 526-6499

Knights of Columbus: Joe Gray, (818) 421-0170

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For assistance: (805) 404-3178

Music Director: Jim Leslie, (818) 324-2109**Couples for Christ:**

Chito & Beth Coronel, 285-7453

Filipino Catholic Comm. Group:

Vangie Carlos, (805) 813-3995

Hispanic Catholic Community Group:

Dcn. Melecio Zamora, (818) 262-1090

Las Guadalupanas: Pilar Osorio, (310) 597-9548**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:**

J.C. and Chelsea Baxter, (805) 522-4294

BINGO: Thursday, 6:30pm BINGO hotline: 526-2781

“I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot.”

Public opinion rises and falls. You can be on the cover of *Rolling Stone* or *Time* one week, and on the *National Enquirer* the next. Sometimes both in the same week! How God values and evaluates is another matter entirely. God isn't fooled by Internet chatter or how many “likes” a person gets on Facebook. God sees what's in the human heart, so there's no disguise we can don to sneak past that critique. We don't know the story of Shebna, the master of the palace in today's passage, or why he lost his job and was replaced. We know even less why Shebna's replacement got the boot too (see two verses later at 22:25, as the “peg in the sure spot” gives way). What it does suggest is that honors and titles are transitory things, not the foundation on which our self-understanding should be based. How much of your personal identity is circumstantial, and how much is sure?

Our identity in Christ is one thing that won't pass away.

For from God and through God and for God are all things.

Because I speak to parish groups regularly, I get introduced to strangers a lot. Sometimes I'm identified as “Sr. Alice,” even though I'm a laywoman, or called Dr., even though I don't have a Ph.D. I'm introduced as a Bible scholar, when I'm actually just a catechist of the Church. Long lists of items have been attributed to me, including books I've never written, jobs I haven't held, places I've never lived. It makes me wonder if the person introducing me is embarrassed about how little authority she can claim on my behalf and so feels the need to pad my stature! Working for the Church in my 20s, I too felt insecure about how little I could claim so that others would take me seriously. Eventually I learned that being taken seriously is not the goal of ministry - and anyone who thinks so is probably in the wrong profession. We claim the name of Christian, which is as grand a title as any could wish. We stand on the authority of the gospel, and God alone is our witness. What else do we need?

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

Jesus was compared with many figures of great stature in the Jewish tradition: Abraham and Moses, John the Baptist or the prophets. The person making such a comparison surely thought to honor Jesus with it. Peter, however, describes Jesus most accurately: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Only Martha of Bethany, in John's gospel, chapter 11, makes as insightful a claim when she says: “I have come to believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” Getting Jesus right means getting beyond the great-man attribute, and onto something beyond what this world can produce. The otherworldly power of Jesus was such that religious leaders of His generation called Him Beelzebub or a devil - anything but a man operating under his own authority. Christian author C.S. Lewis perceptively noted that the only rational ways to identify Jesus are Son of God, devil from hell, or madman; what you can't logically say was that Jesus was simply a great guy.

Pastor's Corner

My dear Parishioners,

Monday, August 21, 2017 is a day to remember here in United States because the whole nation witnessed the rare solar eclipse. Across a straight path from Oregon to North Carolina people were able to experience darkness about the time the sun was totally eclipsed. The phenomenon brought thousands of curious people to those designated areas of total darkness. I wonder what They were hoping to get out of it. For me, I think it is a reminder that God is still in control and He continues to do wonders in our midst. Indeed, a wonderful reminder of the revealed truth that God became one like us.

Archbishop Gomez offers us this reflection:

Jesus became man in order that we might become God. This is not an abstract statement of theology. It is the destiny and meaning of your life and mine. Everything in our ordinary lives — our work and study, our loves, our family life, our works of charity, even our recreation — all of it is made to be transfigured in the light of Christ. Just as the bread and wine we offer in the Eucharist is transformed into His Body and Blood, so our lives are meant to be transformed into the image of the living God.

In every celebration of the Eucharist, the priest prays that this divine purpose might be accomplished. We do not usually hear this prayer. The priest prays it silently as he mingles the water and wine, preparing the Eucharistic gifts. Yet he prays for all of us: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

This prayer recalls the first of Christ's signs, when He turned water into wine at Cana. It is also rooted in an ancient prayer that the first Christians used to pray during the Christmas liturgy:

O God,

Who wonderfully created the dignity of man's nature

and have more wonderfully renewed it,

grant, we beseech you,

that we may be partakers of his divinity

who humbled himself to become a partaker of our humanity,

Christ, your Son. (Order of the Mass, Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts; Leonine Sacramentary 7th c.)

12. We speak of a beautiful mystery! Our lives are wonderful in God's eyes! Our lives are a path to God, a path that He chooses to walk alongside us! The first Christians received these promises of Christ's Incarnation with great joy. And so should we.

St. Peter speaks in wonder of how Christ *divinizes* or *deifies* us, enabling us to become "partakers of the divine nature." St. John is in awe of our spiritual childhood: "Beloved, we are God's children now! What we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he is."

We are made in God's image and likeness

13. *Nothing can contain our greatness!* What a statement. The first disciples lived their Christian identity and proclaimed their faith with this overwhelming sense of astonishment. And so should we, my brothers and sisters! It is time for all of us in the Church — bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, consecrated, religious and lay people — all of us should be alive with a new sense of awe at our greatness in the eyes of God.

We must learn again to see what the saints can see — that the human person is something marvelous in the universe. You and I are God's masterpiece, each of us made in His image as a unity of body and soul, endowed with reason and free will, and given the vocation to imitate God and to share in His divine work, serving and ruling over His creation.

We are made in the image of the Lord of history, the Author of Life, the Maker of heaven and earth! God is Love and so we are made in the image of love. I have always appreciated the poet Dante's description of God as "the Love that moves the sun and the other stars." (*Paradiso*, 33:145.)



Offer this day to the Lord Parish Activities This Week

Monday, August 28th

6:30 pm Misioneros de Cristo Prayer Group (PC)
6:30 pm Divine Evenings of Mercy and Peace (YC)

Tuesday, August 29th

6:30 pm Misioneros Bible Study (PC)
6:30 pm Hispanic Community Prayer Group (PC)
7:00 pm YM New Leader Training (YC)
7:00 pm Bereavement Support Group (CLR)
7:00 pm Adult Music Ministry (C)

Wednesday, August 30th

7:00 pm Catholic Mothers in Prayer (S)
7:00 pm Perpetual Help Novena and Divine Mercy Chaplet (C)
7:00 pm YM New Leader Training (YC)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (H)

Thursday, August 31st

4:00 pm Confessions (C)
6:00 pm Children's Choir (C)
6:30 pm BINGO
7:00 pm Noon Choir (C)
7:00 pm YM Peer Leader Retreat Team Meeting and Eval (YC)

Friday, September 1st - First Friday

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration (C)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (C)
7:00 pm Hispanic Community Choir (PC)
Saturday, September 2nd - First Saturday
7:30 am First Saturday Mass (C)
9:00 am 45th Anniversary Choir Practice (C)
11:00 am Mass of the Anointing of the Sick (C)
3:00 pm Confessions (C)
4:15 pm Choir Practice (C)
6:00 pm Vocations Ministry (P)
6:15 pm Confessions (Español) (C)
8:00 pm Vocations Ministry (P)

Thank You!

Thank you for your donations on the weekend of **August 19th/20th**:

Saturday, August 19th, 5pm	\$2,449.00
Saturday, August 19th, 7pm	\$ 805.00
Sunday, August 20th, 8am	\$2,668.00
Sunday, August 20th, 10am	\$2,974.00
Sunday, August 20th, 12(noon)	\$2,274.00
Sunday, August 20th, 5pm	\$1,734.00
Online Giving (10)	\$ 760.00
Total:	\$13,664.00

On This Sunday We Celebrate...

Eucharistic Miracles Presentation and Vatican Display after all Masses

Parish Lending Library after 8:00am, 10:00am and 12(noon) Masses

Coffee and donut Hospitality after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses

Baptisms, 1:30pm

Youth Choir, 4:00pm

YM Annual Peer Leader Retreat

Mass Intentions for the Week


Saturday, August 26th

5:00 pm Jo King (RIP)
Larson Bucke (RIP)

Sunday, August 27th

10:00 am Arael Borro (RIP)
Margaret O'Hern (RIP)
12(noon) Bill Alexander (INT)
Alberto Marrero (RIP)
5:00 pm Miguel and Teresa Gomez Cuesta (RIP)

Monday, August 28th

7:30am Philip Fardig (RIP)
Alfredo Jimenez-Lopez (RIP)
Leslie Ilagan (RIP)

Tuesday, August 29th

7:30 am Carmen Doria (RIP)
Cecilia Lee (RIP)
James Tuturise (RIP)

Wednesday, August 30th

7:30 am Dorothy Dennis (RIP)
Andrea Hernandez (RIP)
Barbara Roessig (INT)

Thursday, August 31st

7:30 am Alberto and Maria Peregrina (RIP)
Lillian McCormack (RIP)
Ignacio "Nacho" Perez (RIP)

Friday, September 1st

7:30 am Yvonne Thomas (RIP)
Miriam Cruz (INT)
Leticia Leviste (RIP)

Saturday, September 2nd - First Saturday

7:30 am Priest's Intentions

Office of Faith Formation - "Building Households of Faith"

SPCFAITHFORMATION.ORG

The Office of Faith Formation is open Monday - Thursday, 1-5pm and 6-8pm.

Sunday Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 In Peter, we see an example of how good Christian leaders are grounded by their faith in Jesus.

- † Thursday, August 31st, Sprouts Catechist Inservice in the Catechist Lounge at 7pm.
- † Parent Orientation and Registration for Elementary First Communion, Years 1 & 2, are Wednesday, 9/6, East Hall, 7pm; Tuesday, 9/12, West Hall, 7pm; and Monday, 9/18, in the East Hall at 7pm. You need only attend one meeting.

Our work as Church is never finished and there is always room for persons who hear the call of the Holy Spirit at anytime during the year. Please come by the office of Faith Formation to talk about where you may want to share your gifts that God has blessed you with.

Middle School Youth Ministry

- † Our kickoff session for the year will be on Monday, October 9th! Please keep checking your emails and our website for information regarding orientation nights and other events!

High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation

(805) 526-7975 • youthministry@saintpeterclaver.org • spcym.org

The Youth Ministry Office is located at the Youth Center and is open Monday - Thursday from 1 - 8pm.

Yr. 1 Confirmation Registration Concludes Soon!

Our third and final Yr. 1 Confirmation Candidate and Parent Orientation and Registration Night is coming up on Monday, September 11th from 7-9:00 pm in the Youth Center. Please visit our website, spcym.org, for additional information.

A Life Changing Opportunity

Adventure. Excitement. Faith. Fellowship. Holiness. Would you like to experience more of any of these qualities in your life? Then look no further than St. Peter Claver Youth Ministry, where you can experience all this and more, helping young people grow in their Catholic faith. There are a variety of volunteer roles and time commitments to choose from, so whatever your interest and availability may be, we'd love to hear from you. Check out spcym.org/volunteers.html for details.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult?

Come join the St Peter Claver St John Paul II Society for an evening of fun, conversation and prayer.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 5th, in Room 3 of the Parish Center.

Contact Coley Maddigan or John Miller for more information at saintpeterjpII@gmail.com

RCIA - ADULTS (Seeking to Become Fully Catholic)

Thinking about becoming fully Catholic? Never been baptized? Baptized in a different faith?

Baptized Catholic but never confirmed and/or received first communion? Then the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is just for you! Come to CLAVER COFFEEHOUSE, our twice-monthly gathering for inquirers (2nd & 4th Tuesdays), and bring your questions. Call the Faith Formation Office at (805) 526-0680 for more information.

August 27, 2017 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ~ Matthew 16:19*

PHOTOS WANTED!

...OF OUR PARISH AND MSGR. GARY BAULER

Your Favorite Photographic Memories Needed!

Many of us have great memories of being a parishioner at St. Peter Claver, including Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, Parish Picnics, and Parish and Organization events. We are looking for pictures for our photographic collage to be shown at the 45th Anniversary and Msgr. Gary Bauler's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination Celebration on September 9th.

Where to send:

If you have images you would like to share, please scan and send to Erika Calloway at spcanniversary@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Please pray for the health of...

Mary Jane Wickman; Marie Fardig; Dick Mayo; Patrick Kochie; Cathi Hagen; Colleen Miller; Carolyn Murray; Shealeen Payne; Lee Harrison; Jody Allen; Fred Hagen; Stephanie Carvalho; Richard Brian Reilly; Winifred Schiemann; James Carbon; Walter Swiacki; Beverly Grimes; newborn Carson Jacob Reed; Melissa Reed; Georgia Altmayer; Judy Strack; Barbara Still; child Seth Fabry; Rosina Paluzzi; Jack Murphy; Bill and Vera Barker; Chris Bordeleau; David Placeres; Bob Hasley; Donna Emmons; Natali Wilde; Ronald Bensky; Phyllis Sherin; Carol Acker; David Lehr; Bridget Wakcher; Frank Cesario; Dana Freund; Jim Womack; Justin Warn; Linda Lynch; Bradley Sharp; Erick M., Jacob A., and Cecilia Frances; Diane Hazlewood; Bud Upper; Carla Maria Molina; Dave Morley; Kenny Bond; Gary Savas; (child) Hazel Hammersley; LaVonne Emerson; James Yncera; Charles Leo; Sheana Green; Deann Glynn; Dan Lang; Joe Ortega; Dan Boland; Catherine Capaldi; Gregg Cassity; Virginia Dalcoe; Bruce Vandelinder; Susan Womack; Helene Parlms-Jackson; Maria Lozano; Carolyn Currie; Chelsea White; Mary Smart; Mimi McGilvray; Rick Schuler; Elaine Swieca; Bill Waters; Marge Porterfield; Aaron Byron; Bob Bower; Jacqueline Sylvestre; Kittie Fidermutz; Martina Peters; Dillon Tunney; Barbara Pogorzelski; Sherry Estrella; Chase Dobson; Loretta Payne; Barbara Knight; Suzanne Shafer.

ANointing OF OUR SICK AND SENIOR PARISHIONERS

NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 11am,

a special Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held for seniors and those in poor health. The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."

If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.



We'd like to welcome our newest Christians through Baptism...

Rylan B. Daradal
Analicia Sarmiento
Anthony Sarmiento

Please pray for the souls of...

Alfredo Jimenez Lopez, 8/28/16; Loreto T. Magana, 8/13/16; Yvonne Thomas, 9/1/15; Rita Salazar, 9/2/14; Stefan Malolepszy, 8/29/13; Dulcina De Ruiz, 8/27/13; Mary Mosesso, 9/1/12; Dennis Brodie, 8/30/11; Leona Brown, 8/27/11; Joseph Jaszarowski, 9/2/11; Dorothy LeClair, 9/2/11; Louis Rubino, 8/30/10; Marie Redondo, 8/29/10; Polly Nyby, 9/1/10; Edmund Gross, 8/30/09; Thomas Roman, 9/2/09; Asteria Vito, 9/2/09; Belen Hernandez, 8/30/07; Edmund Van Vlymen, 8/30/06; Josephine Pugliese, 8/29/06; Daniel Cavallo, 8/28/06; Blanche Stankiewicz, 8/27/06; Phillip Hernandez, 8/31/05; Gertrude Svoboda, 9/1/05; Steven Dolgosh, 8/30/03; Don Smith, 8/31/02; Carlos Sanchez, 8/29/02; Maria Lowe, 8/29/01; Vera Ocana, 8/30/00; Orla Sharp, 8/31/97; Lillian Guy, 8/27/95; Maria Miccolis, 8/28/94; Gladys Serene, 8/27/86; Danielle Martinez, 8/30/84; Marcelline Barros, 9/2/84; Minnie Mosca, 8/31/80; Bruce Sneider, 8/31/79; Ann Hale, 8/28/79; Frederick Stone, 9/2/78.

Pastor's Corner

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Nature's designs speak to us of God's love and truth; and our existence is part of God's plan of loving goodness. The human person is exceptional, we are not just one more creature in God's creation. We are not just something, we are someone. (*Catechism*, 357)

Alone among all earthly creatures, the human person can build computers, fly into outer space, and discover the inner workings of the human body and mind. Alone among all creatures, the human person can write songs and poems, make paintings and symphonies. And alone in the material universe, the human person can love, sacrifice and offer worship to his or her Creator.

We are made in the image of the God of all creation. All the universe was made for us, and in all of creation, we are the only creature that God wills to share in His own life. This is our greatness.

Please, make sure that you get the rest of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles website. It is free and it is easy to download.

Peace,
Fr. Riz

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend for Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion.

The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future.

Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness.

All inquiries and registrations are confidential.

www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard

October 6th-8th, 2017

Duarte, CA ♦ Cost: \$215 per person

For registration or more information please call:

866-2-RACHEL (866) 272-2435

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Simi Valley St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser Comedy Night

Saturday, September 30th, 2017 ♦ Time: 7:30 - 11pm

St. Peter Claver Youth Center

Admission: \$25 per person

Professional Comedians

Complimentary Desserts • Raffles

Silent Auction Items • 50/50 Drawing

For Information or Tickets:

Rick Lepore, (805) 218-5703

rick.lepore@yahoo.com

St. Peter Claver Bingo - "The Friendliest Bingo In Town!" Thursday Nights In the Parish Center

Doors open at 4:30pm - Games begin at 6:30pm

All games pay \$250 - Major Credit Cards accepted - Phone: (805) 526-2781



Looking Forward...VIRTUS Training and Fingerprinting

St. Peter Claver Parish is dedicated to the mission of protecting all God's children. One way of acting on this mission is to offer opportunities for education and screening to those called to serve the young of our community.

If your volunteering plans include working with children in the coming months – plan ahead!

Our next opportunities at St. Peter Claver will be Friday, September 15th (for fingerprinting); Wednesday, September 13th (for the initial VIRTUS certification) and Saturday, September 16th (for VIRTUS re-certification).

For more information or to make an appointment, please call Mary in the parish office at 526-6499.

LIFE CENTERS OF VENTURA COUNTY FALL FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Saturday September 23rd, 2017 at Sterling Hills Country Club, Camarillo, from 11am - 3pm.

Mimosa hour, lunch, dessert, raffles, fashions, and fellowship - all for a wonderful, caring cause.

Proceeds benefit mothers, born and unborn babies, and families and support our educational outreach into the community. Tickets \$40 per ticket until September 5th, after that the price will be \$45.

Tables of 6, 8 or 10 can be arranged. Business and personal event sponsorships available.

Please call (805) 486-2721 for more information, or go to vclifecenters.com purchase tickets.

Thank you and God bless you for your prayers and support.



SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 15

The Italian Catholic Federation will have a charity event at 7pm in St. Rose of Lima's Church.

We will be raising money for the Fabry family, whose six-year-old son/grandson is fighting leukemia.

Come enjoy a performance by St. Rose's Children's and Adult Choir, The Reflections Questions: Rita Downey (805) 579-8970 or Barbara Tweedy (805) 522-9863

K OF C BOWLING LEAGUE - JOIN US!



It's time to put on those bowling shoes and have some fun! The Knights of Columbus Bowling League is looking forward to another season and we are hoping for new members to join us.

You don't have to be a good bowler – we have bowlers with higher averages and bowlers who are new to the sport. With our handicapping system, we are all equal. It is more a social evening than competitive! All are welcome; you don't have to be a Knight. Bowling is Thursday evenings September through May. We can answer all of your questions. Please call Kay Roessig at (805-581-0296) and leave a message.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.
~Anonymous

Attention Business Owners, Professionals and Self Employed

Nik Alexander was with us this past week securing advertisers for our Bulletin. We would like to thank all of the advertisers who have renewed their ads for the upcoming year and also to all of our new advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year. If you would be interested in sponsoring an ad for your business or on behalf of your favorite charity / organization there is still time. Please contact Nik Alexander on his mobile phone at (303) 406-8542.

As a reminder, we ask that all of our members utilize these wonderful advertisers whenever possible.

Please use the Bulletin as a resource whenever you are in need of products or services. Please let them know we truly appreciate their loyal support of our Bulletin. It is their generosity that provides the Bulletin at little or no cost to our Church.

Everyday Stewardship

Sometimes when I ask one of my children about who they were with or about a classmate at school they answer me with, "You don't know them." Apparently, since I do not know him or her personally, I do not need to know the person's name. I may not know this person but I do know that he or she exists in the everyday life of one of my children. If my children don't share with me anything about their friend or classmate, I can only assume he or she has no great impact on my sons' or daughter's daily lives. Of course, sometimes the response I get is simply my teen being a typical teen.

Has Jesus had a significant impact on your life? Do you know Jesus personally?

If someone asked you about him what would you say?

My children respond the way they do to me because they are still young and immature. However, some adults are immature as well: immature in faith. We shy away from any discussion of God in our lives and we rarely share our faith. Most days we will not be asked the question, "Who is Jesus?" But we will be in situations where we are being called to share a little bit about ourselves. If Jesus has truly changed our lives and we never seem to want to share something about Him with others, they may as well assume that He has had no real impact on us. On the other hand, if we are mature disciples in Jesus Christ, I suspect that others can't help but know about the great friend we have in Him.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

"Beginning Experience" is a healing ministry for men and women who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. A "Beginning Experience" weekend will be held on September 8th-10th, 2017, at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino. This program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. "Beginning Experience" is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please call in advance to register:

Peg at (818) 767-1007, Brenda at (818) 352-5265, or Maria at (310) 365-0186 (Spanish).

Los Angeles chapter email: [beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com](mailto:bEGINNINGEXP.losangeles@gmail.com)

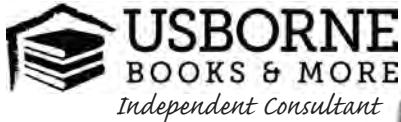
Beginning Experience ministry website: www.beginningexperience.org

¿Sabía Usted?

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Did You Know?

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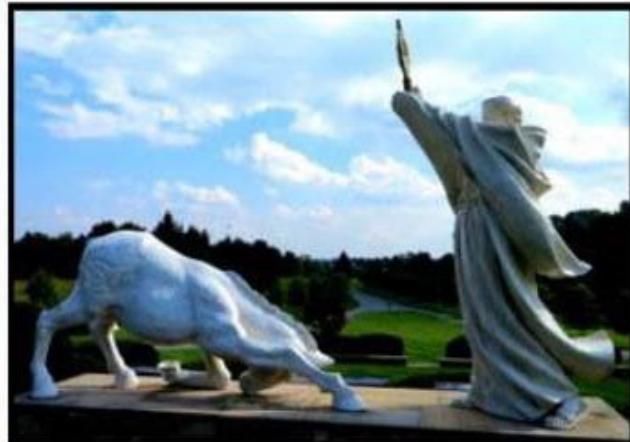
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